

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 130 Betty Carneal

Leader: The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ,  
the bread of life,

**People: to teach us his ways, feed us with his flesh  
and blood,**

Leader: and fill us with the Holy Spirit

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN** *“Wonderful Words” #270*

*(Vs. 1)* Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words  
of Life;

Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of Life.  
Words of life and beauty, Teach me faith and duty;

*(Refrain)*

Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful  
words of Life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.

*(Vs. 2)* Christ, the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful  
words of Life;

Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of Life.

All so freely given, Wooing us to Heaven:

*(Refrain)*

*(Vs. 3)* Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful  
words of Life;

Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of Life.

Jesus, only Savior, Sanctify forever:

*(Refrain)*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Silent Prayer*

*“Learning To Lean”*

**All-knowing God, we are your children, but we have  
turned away from your wisdom and walked in our own  
ways. We have lived carelessly and squandered time.  
We have been foolish and failed to understand your  
will. We have been drunk with the wine of this world  
and debauched in your own desires. Purge us from evil  
and fill us with your Spirit. Clear our minds from  
clutter that we may discern what is right and walk in  
your ways. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*RESPONSE**

*“Gloria Patri” #623*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall  
be, world without end, Amen, Amen



Please join us in the fellowship hall  
for refreshments immediately  
following worship!

*\*please stand as you are able*

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING** Psalm 111:1–10

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 5:15–20

**RESPONSE**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*“Be Filled With the Spirit”*

Rev. Alexandra Hutson

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN**

*“What a Friend” #435*

*(Vs. 1)* What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

*(Vs. 2)* Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

*(Vs. 3)* Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge –  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**    *“The Apostles’ Creed”*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Offertory*                      *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

**\*RESPONSE**                      *“Doxology” #625*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN**                      *“Only Trust Him”#330*

*(Vs. 1)* Come, ev’ry soul by sin oppressed– There’s mercy with the Lord,  
And He will surely give you rest By trusting in His Word.

*(Refrain)*

Only trust Him, only trust Him, Only trust Him now;  
He will save you, He will save you, He will save you now.

*(Vs. 2)* For Jesus shed His precious blood, Rich blessings to bestow;  
Plunge now into the crimson flood That washes white as snow.

*(Refrain)*

*(Vs. 3)* Yes, Jesus is the Truth, the Way, That leads you into rest;  
Believe in Him without delay And you are fully blest.

*(Refrain)*

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*CHARGE**

**Leader:** Good people of Swift Church, who are you?  
**People:** **Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim Christ’s love and grace through serving and nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**                      *“We Still Stand”*

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